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For:

FLAME-RETARDED PLASTIC COMPOSITION, YARN AND TEXTILE

STRUCTURE COATED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the December 17, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-9 and 14-20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A halogen-free fire-retarded plastic composition suitable for coating a substrate, comprising an acrylic resin and an intumescent agent, wherein:

- said composition is in the plastisol state and comprises a plasticizing medium in which the acrylic resin and the intumescent agent are dispersed;
- said composition exhibits, at low shear rates, Newtonian rheological behavior with a viscosity of less than 6000 mPa.s; and
- said composition exhibits, at high shear rates, pseudoplastic rheological behavior.

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